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RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN announces the planned fleet introduction of several new uniforms, the new designation of the male officer/chief petty officer (CPO) combination cover and enlisted white hat, and the expansion of the female handbag policy. The new uniforms addressed in this NAVADMIN include: the Alternate Combination Cover (ACC); female officer/CPO Service Dress White (officer/CPO SDW) coat; male and female E1-E6 Service Dress Blue (E1-E6 SDB) and Service Dress White (E1-E6 SDW) uniforms; Navy Fitness Suit and the Lightweight Navy Working Uniform Type I (LNWU1). The uniform components identified as mandatory for wear or possession by enlisted Sailors and CPOs will be supported by an annual clothing replacement allowance to facilitate procurement of each item prior to the mandatory wear date.

2. ACC. Effective immediately, the ACC and the male combination cover are designated UNISEX covers authorized for wear by female and male officers and CPOs. The ACC is similar in design to the current male combination cover, but is smaller with an oval vice round opening to facilitate a more comfortable and stable fit on the head when worn. The ACC and newly designated UNISEX cover will replace the current female officer/CPO combination cover. The ACC will be available via Navy Exchange (NEX) uniform stores and the uniform call center commencing October 2015. The mandatory possession or wear date of the ACC or newly designated UNISEX combination cover for female officers and CPOs is 31 October 2016.

3. Enlisted white hat. Effective immediately, the enlisted white hat is designated a UNISEX cover. Commencing April 2016, the enlisted white hat will be issued to female recruits at Recruit Training Center (RTC) Great Lakes and authorized for wear by all E1-E6 Sailors with jumper style dress uniforms. Future production of the white hat will include male and female sizing labels attached inside the cover to aid in determining proper sizing. The white hat will fully replace the female enlisted combination cover upon the mandatory wear date of the new female SDB uniform on 1 January 2020. The mandatory wear date of the white hat by female E1-E6 Sailors

with SDW uniforms is 31 October 2016. The white hat will be the only authorized head gear worn with the new SDB and SDW jumper style dress uniforms.

4. LNWU1. Fleet introduction of a lightweight and more comfortable Navy Working Uniform Type I (NWU1) will commence April 2016, at NEX uniform stores located in Guam and Hawaii, and via the 800 uniform call center for Diego Garcia and Singapore. Fleet-wide availability will be achieved as component production and inventory levels allows. Commencing 1 October 2016, the LNWU1 will be issued to recruits at RTC Great Lakes as the replacement for the current NWU1. The LNWU1 will replace the current NWU1 as size inventories are depleted. Due to the similarity in appearance of the lightweight and the current NWU1, a gray-tinted garment label denoting LNWU1 will be attached inside the shirt and trouser. Simultaneous wear of LNWU1 and current NWU1 components is authorized.

5. E1-E6 SDB. The new E1-E6 male and female jumper style SDB uniform will be issued to recruits at RTC Great Lakes commencing 1 October 2016. Wear is authorized for all upon availability. The new jumper will include a side zipper for improved ease of wear. The new SDB broad fall trousers will include 13 non-functional buttons and a hidden center-front zipper closure to facilitate functionality while maintaining the traditional jumper style SDB appearance. The mandatory possession or wear date for females is 1 January 2020. Females who choose to wear the new SDB during the optional wear period must wear the enlisted white hat as a component of the uniform. For male Sailors, the new SDB will replace the current SDB design as inventory levels are exhausted.

6. E1-E6 SDW. The new E1-E6 male and female SDW will be issued to recruits at RTC Great Lakes commencing 1 October 2017. The new SDW jumper will have a side zipper for ease in wear, navy blue piping and stars on the jumper flap, cuffed sleeves with navy blue piping and navy blue button fasteners. The SDW trouser design has not changed. The mandatory possession or wear date is 31 October 2021. The white hat is the only authorized head gear that can be worn with the jumper-style SDW.

7. Navy Fitness Suit. Commencing 1 October 2016, recruits at RTC, Great Lakes will be issued the new Navy Fitness Suit. The new fitness suit is a two piece UNISEX garment consisting of jacket and pants made of 100 percent nylon, dark blue in color with gold Navy logos and silver reflective piping. The fitness suit will be available for fleet procurement via NEX uniform stores and the 800 uniform call center in January 2017. The mandatory possession or wear date is 1 January 2020. The fitness suit jacket and pants may be worn together or as individual components while in a liberty status, subject to civilian clothing policy of the regional or local command authority as applicable.

8. Officer and CPO Female SDW (choker) coat. Commencing January 2017, the new female officer/CPO SDW coat will be available for

fleet procurement via NEX uniform stores and the 800 uniform call centers. The mandatory wear or possession date is 1 January 2020. Uniform allowances for female CPOs will be adjusted to facilitate procurement of the new SDW coat prior to the mandatory wear date. The ACC and newly designated UNISEX combination cover are the only head gear authorized for wear with the new SDW coat.

9. Womens Handbags. Effective immediately, the criteria for female handbags carried and worn while in uniform is as follows:

a. Women may wear civilian handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather, generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer's logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in depth. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). The closure hardware will be black, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.

b. Handbags meeting the description noted in paragraph 9 (a) shall be carried over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of hip.

10. Questions regarding uniform policy and the uniform policy changes reflected in this NAVADMIN should be directed to the Navy Uniform Matters Office (OPNAV N131U) via email to Mr. Robert B. Carroll, Head of Navy Uniform Matters at robert.b.carroll(at)navy.mil; LSCS (AW/EXW/SW) Judith P. Nelson-Williams, Deputy Head at judith.nelson(at)navy.mil or PS1 (SW/AW) Manuel A. Guiracocha at manuel.guiracocha(at)navy.mil. More info will be forthcoming on these programs as we approach the implementation date.

11. This NAVADMIN will remain in effect until superseded or canceled, whichever occurs first. File until reference (a) has been updated to reflect the new policy changes.

12. Released by Vice Admiral W. F. Moran, N1.//

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